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NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

WHEELS OF STUDENT MOVEMENT START SPINNING

by Zachary Schwartz

You may not have joined the rally last Jan. 25, but students at McGill officially lent their support to the demonstration through motions passed by their students' societies, both graduate and undergraduate.

This year, student bodies across Canada are gearing up for the sequel to last January's National Day of Action. The Canadian Federation of Students has set the date for Feb. 7 to make sure the student voice is heard before federal Finance Minister Paul Martin's budget is released later next month.

Just what action students will take is another matter.

Last January's Day of Action saw thousands of McGill students joining the rally at the Roddick Gates. The McGill contingent was largely organised by the Students for Social Justice, a group independent of SSMU, and was supported by other student groups such as QPIRG and LBGTU. SSMU gave its official support at the last minute.

CFS National Chairperson Guy Caron claimed that last year's Jan. 25 National Day of Action was "the largest student demonstration in the country's history," involving 15 000 students in Montréal and 100 000 across Canada.

"Last year's participation was great," said CFS executive Brad Lavigne. "Hopefully we can better the numbers."

Like many student leaders, Lavigne is worried that the federal government's budget-balancing tactics are coming at the expense of education.

"We're trying to educate students [about the cuts] leading up to [the Day of Action]," said Lavigne.

"It's not just that the cuts are bad — there are alternatives to cutting social programs to bring down the deficit.... We want to show the government numbers and deliver a pre-budget message that no more cuts are necessary," said Lavigne. "[It's] the student union articulating its ideas to the government and to the public."

Although most of the action to be taken in February has yet to be planned, an optimistic Lavigne described the event-to-be as part of an "ongoing campaign, building on last year's lobbying and Jan. 25."

According to Lavigne, there will

be city-wide activities culminating in a rally in major cities across Canada.

He called it a "joint effort by the CFS, MDEE [le Mouvement Démocratique des Etudiants et Etudiantes] and non-CFS student associations like the Concordia Student Union."

This Friday, Concordia is hosting a city-wide meeting for all

student associations to plan for the National Day of Action. Concordia students have also formed an

according to Lavigne.

Closer to home, McGill students have formed the McGill Action Committee, an independent group that will participate in the Feb. 7 National Day of Action. The committee will meet every Tuesday starting Jan. 16 to start planning how to get the student message out.

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OFF TO A SLOW START

The undergraduate Students' Society of McGill University, however, has not yet decided if or how it might lend its voice to the National Day of Action. For SSMU, involvement seems at best very much in the planning and discussion stages.

Although Andrea Stairs, the new vp external affairs, agreed that the cuts in federal funding for education are "an important issue

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This way out, please...

Four McGill managers out in two months

by Jacqueline Reis

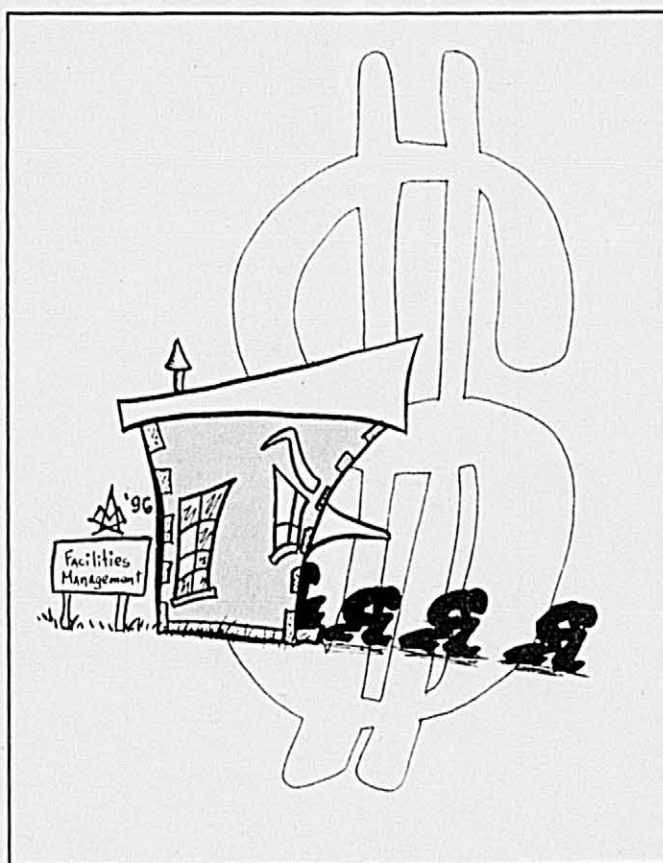
An audit in the Dept. of Facilities Management resulted in three further departures on Dec. 20. Carmen Spataro, John Rennie and Omar Salas, following in the footsteps of their supervisor, Blake McGibbon, all left the Department after a meeting with McGill administrators shortly before Christmas.

Kate Williams, director of the University Relations Office, stated that their departure was related to the findings of the internal audit.

"There was an internal audit investigation [which] reached certain conclusions; [the managers left] as a result of those conclusions," said Williams.

Trevor Garland, president of McGill's Non-Academic Staff Association, stated what Williams would not: That rather than simply leaving, Salas, Spataro and Rennie were fired.

"They were given their letters of dismissal at the end of the working day and they were not to return to work the following day," said Garland.



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people on contract to replace Spataro and Rennie. René Lefebvre will fill in as manager of building services for Spataro, and Steve Sura will take over Rennie's post as manager of operations.

Salas, Rennie and Spataro have all filed grievances with Phyllis Heaphy, v-p administration and finance, through MUNASA. Under the University's grievance procedure, Heaphy has 10 working days in which to render a decision as to whether the grievance is valid. This gives Heaphy until Jan. 16.

For Omar Salas, reached at home on Friday, any resolution will have to include his getting his job back.

Salas said that he could not talk about the reasons why he was dismissed, saying only that they were unjustified.

A memo from Principal Bernard Shapiro to all McGill deans and directors states that McGibbon, Salas, Spataro, and Rennie left because the internal audit turned up "a lack of

adequate transparency and responsibility."

When asked to explain "transparency and responsibility," Williams said the phrase was "given to [her]" to describe the disruption in Facilities Management and defined transparency as "things not being as clear as they should be."

No source contacted mentioned the missing \$900 000 written of in a Dec. 22 *Gazette* story.

Salas said the missing money was "probably just a wild rumour."

Williams commented, "I have heard absolutely no amount of money at all."

Garland did not think the University would turn to criminal charges as Spataro, Rennie and Salas had been accused of "nothing criminal."

"The charges were very petty, as petty as buying the wrong computers. In retrospect, who cannot be accused of that?" said Garland.

This is not the first time McGill and MUNASA have squared off.

"At McGill, we've had people who were told at a Christmas party, 'By the way, we're going to lay you off over the holidays... So don't show up,'" said Garland.

MUNASA itself, dramatically revamped since the creation of a non-academic staff union last year, only recently completed long-going arbitration with the University in late December.

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The McGill Daily

User's

Celebrated and castigated, radical and reflective, the *Daily* has been a part of the McGill community since 1911. Whatever the reaction of individual students, the *Daily* has been an important part of McGill's cultural and political landscape since Stephen Leacock and his frat-boy friends started it 85 years ago.

The form and function of the paper have evolved continually since the days of Leacock. In its present incarnation, the paper aspires to be a proactive voice, using its unique history and vantage point to inform, challenge and enrich the members of the McGill community.

Although the structure of the *Daily* has changed over the years, our mandate has remained the same since the 1960s. The *Daily* has a responsibility to be a presence in student affairs and an advocate for communities and individuals often ignored or marginalised. Essentially, the *Daily's* purpose is to give students a platform for challenging the accepted "truths" and conventions of the day, on issues both local and global.

All of this happens three times a week during the school year: Monday is the news issue, Tuesday is the *Daily français* and Thursday is the culture issue.

At the end of the day, the *Daily* strives to be nothing more nor less than a newspaper — informative, readable, thought provoking, entertaining, challenging — guided by our Statement of Principles.

As soon as you pay your fees, you become a member of the Daily Publications Society. The DPS is a non-profit, financially autonomous body which earns its keep through advertising revenue and student fees.

Every year McGill students elect six members to the *Daily's* nine-person Board of Directors. The other three are elected by *Daily* staff. The Board takes care of financial and legal matters. Questions or complaints about the DPS can be addressed to board mem-



bers. Contact them through the *Daily* business office (Shatner B-07, 398-6790).

STAFF

Every student is a member of the DPS and can contribute to the *Daily* and become a staff member. To be on the *Daily* staff, you must contribute six published articles, photos or graphics or 12 hours of production night work. Staff meetings are usually held at 17h in the *Daily* office. Look in the paper for other announcements about these staff meetings, where policy decisions are made, issues discussed and the general direction of the paper plotted. Meetings are open to everyone, but only staff members have a vote. The *Daily* is a democratic organisation — staff and editors alike have one vote each. Decisions must be approved by the majority of the staff members present.

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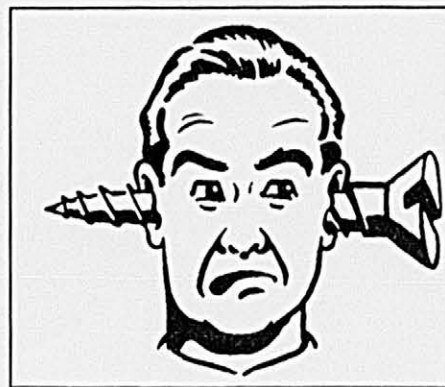
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THE DAILY PUBLICATIONS SOCIETY (DPS)

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its editorial board from among its ranks. Because the *Daily* is a democratic organisation, editors have no more voting power than any other staff member and cannot make policy decisions without staff. Think of them as the gentle wind in the sails of the *Daily* ship rather than the all-powerful hand of God.

The editorial board meets periodically to work out the details of production and co-ordination of upcoming issues and to discuss the performance of its members.

Questions about the board can be directed to M-J Milloy in Shatner B-03, any day, any time.

NEWS AND FEATURES

The news section is broken down into three different styles: news stories, briefs and in-depth investigative features.

These formats are used to cover different "beats"—municipal and provincial politics, national and international affairs, student government and politics and university and academic affairs.

The beats are further broken down to cover racial, First Nations, women's, queer and environmental issues, among other things.

Prospective *Daily*ites should

is, by all means, stylish, its focus is on presenting thoughtful and intelligent information, views and critiques, whether exploring cen-

wonderland, we nevertheless depend heavily on skillful scalpel-wielders at all stages of production, as well as illustrators and artists

Contrary to popular belief, these are not the same thing at the *Daily*. Both are opinion pieces and both are written by staff members. Comments are the opinions of those *Daily* staffers who sign them, while editorials are endorsed by the entire *Daily* staff. Editorials can only be passed at our weekly staff meetings.

NOTES FROM BELOW

Hint: You are reading one right now. Whenever the *Daily* staff speaks to the student body about the *Daily*'s operations, it is called "Notes from Below." Watch for them. They usually appear on the editorial page.

EVENTS

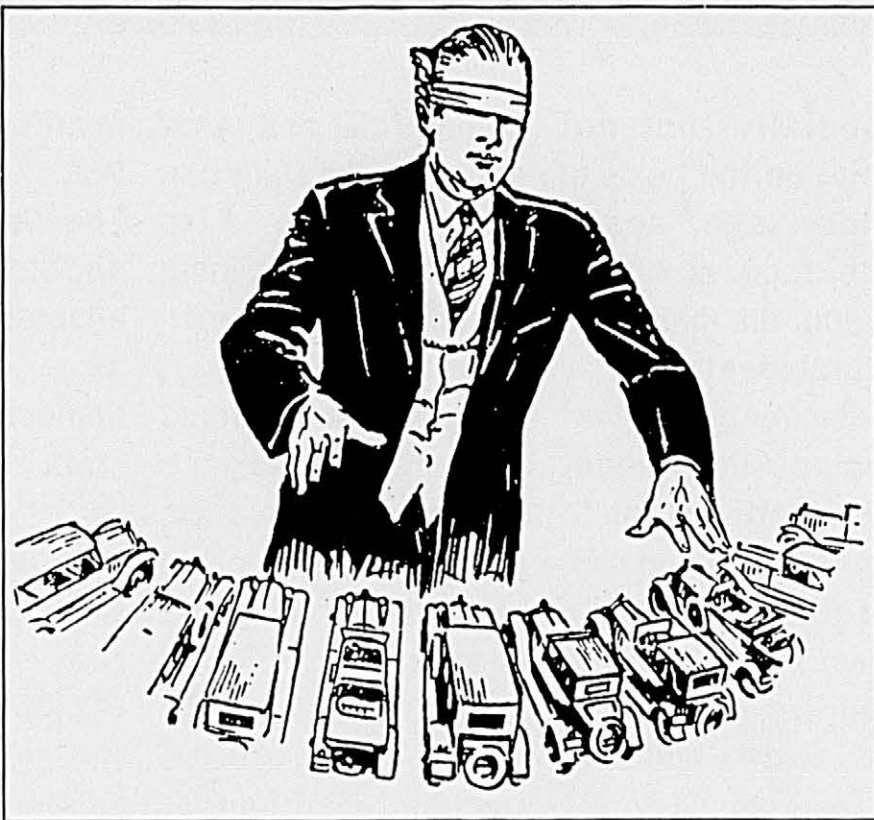
Groups and individuals can use this column to publicise activities both on and off campus. Keep them short and to the point, just the necessary information, and come down to B-03 and drop it into the appropriate box (there is one for every day of the week).

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS (CUP)

The Canadian University Press (CUP) is the oldest nation-wide student news wire in the world. It is a collective in which each member paper wields equal decision-making power, and which seeks to serve and represent Canadian student press. The *Daily* was one of a few founding members of CUP in the 1930s. Today, CUP has over 40 member papers, from the *Martlet* in Victoria to the *Dalhousie Gazette* in Nova Scotia.

CUP provides member papers with several services, the most obvious one being a national news ex-

transmitted as a news service. From time to time you will see "CUP" at the beginning of a news story; this means the story is from one of the CUP member papers.



sorship issues or reviewing the latest Esquivel CD reissue.

Guided by the *Daily*'s Statement of Principles, the *Daily Culture* sees the nature of art as being representative and reflective of the society and culture in which it is created. The *Daily Culture* strives to give exposure to events, movements and cultural issues normally ignored by the media as well as examining popular culture from a different angle, analysing its inherent political and social issues. On Culture-oriented persons

are encouraged to see Kevin Siu and help him practice the art of talking dirty and influencing people.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Pictures are essential to the *Daily* and are as important to our news presentation as articles. Photojournalism hopefuls, oddballs who

like getting trampled during demonstrations and anyone with a knack for handling weird lighting should come down and chat with Dave Ryther.

LAYOUT AND DESIGN; GRAPHICS

Although over the years the *Daily* has moved deeper into a high-tech

willing to doodle into the wee hours of a production night.

Technoid and techno-peasant alike are welcome to come down and play with our funky equipment, become a part of the production staff and pick up exciting new skills. Anyone interested should talk to Derek Fung.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This is one of the most popular sections of the paper and an incredibly important forum where students often express their opinions on everything under the sun. We print every letter we receive from DPS members so long as it is not racist, sexist, homophobic, libelous or slanderous. Letters must be signed and be under 300 words long.

HYDE PARKS

Hyde Parks are named after the famous soap box speech venue in London. At 500 words, they provide an opportunity for more in-depth opinions than do letters. Unlike letters, the *Daily* does not guarantee that it will print every Hyde Park it receives, so it would be best to leave your Hyde Park with an editor rather than just dropping it off.

COMMENTS, EDITORIALS The McGill Daily

change. Each week, papers send selected stories to CUP and, through the wonders of e-mail, they are collected, edited and re-

Once a year, CUP holds a national conference where member papers send delegates to make policy decisions for the upcoming year, elect representatives to the CUP head office in Toronto and learn new journalistic skills. Anyone interested in learning more about CUP should come down to the office and talk to an editor or check out our CUP resources.

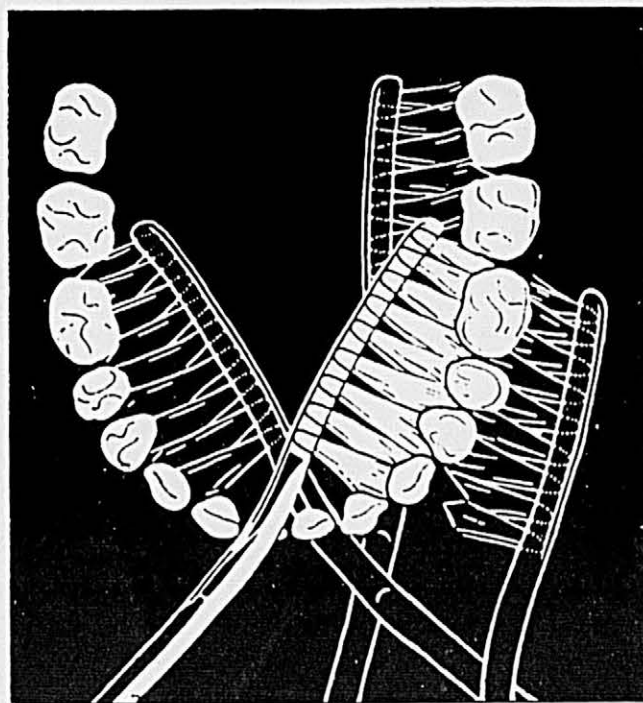
In addition to the CUP wire service, the *Daily* has been relying more and more on cyberspace as a way to research stories since the arrival of the Internet in the *Daily* offices, we have been relying more and more on cyberspace as a place to research stories. We are always expanding our digital "virtual" of fices, so interested cyber-gophers (or people interested in covering affairs for the national media) should come on down to our office in Shatner B-03.



come to Shatner B-03 and ask for Robin Perelle, Anup Grewal, Jackie Reis or Idella Sturino.

CULTURE

The purpose of the Thursday culture issue is not to provide trite reviews and flippant cultural analysis that favours trend and style over substance. While the culture issue



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that impacts students profoundly," McGill undergraduate representation in the National Day of Action has yet to be discussed at Council.

SSMU is a founding member of another national student organisation, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

"We're very wary of being under the CFS banner," said Stairs. "We're not a member.... There are some stances we don't agree with."

Stairs has had a preliminary meeting with v.p. externals of other Montréal universities, and it seems that organising an activity to coincide with the National Day of Action is at least an option. She stressed, however, that the issue has not yet been fully addressed and must be brought to Council before SSMU gets involved.

Citing SSMU's "clear policy opposing any form of tuition increases," Councilor Chris Carter has prepared a motion to support CFS' National Day of Action this year. He plans to ask SSMU for an official endorsement at the Jan. 25 Council meeting.

Carter believes it is important to send the government "an inclusive, clear message from even the most conservative students" that students oppose the government's faltering support for education.

"We cannot just sit back and let education get inaccessible, watered down or privatised. We want to guarantee the same or better level of education that everyone has a right to. We have to take action," said Carter.

BIG PLANS

According to Lavigne, this year's Day of Action is a step further than last year's Day of Action.

"[It's] a new kind of event in that it's much more focused. We're offering the government a clear and viable alternative. [It's] not just another rally," said Lavigne. "We're moving the level [of] discussion."

"The problem with the deficit today is on the revenue side, not the [expenses]," said Lavigne to explain his position.

"We have to show students that there is great wealth in this country, and that it is not being taxed. The line that the government can't afford social spending on post-secondary education, health care, daycare, and employment [programs] is wrong."

Planned activities for the National Day of Action include treasure hunts to learn more about the finances of big businesses in major cities.

"Most people don't read the business report," said Lavigne. "There is fantastic wealth in this country that isn't being taxed."

As was recently reported in the mainstream press, the major banks are registering record profits. According to Lavigne, these and other "major corporations... are being assessed at very low tax rates. That's where the deficit is coming from. We want to raise awareness [of this] in the community."

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF THE MCGILL DAILY

2.1 The fundamental goal of *The McGill Daily* shall be to serve as a critical and constructive forum for the exchange of ideas and information about McGill University and related communities.

2.2 Within this optic, the staff of the *Daily* recognises that all events and issues are inherently political, involving relations of social and economic power. Further, we recognise that at present power is unevenly distributed,

especially (but not solely) on the basis of gender, age, social class, race, sexuality, religion, disability and cultural identity.

We also recognise that keeping silent about this situation helps to perpetuate inequality. Instead, to help correct these inequities, to the best of its staff's abilities, the *Daily* should depict and analyse power relations accurately in its coverage.

2.3 As an autonomous student newspaper, relatively free from

commercial and other controls, the *Daily* can best serve its purposes by examining issues and events most media ignore.

In particular, it should deal with the role post-secondary education plays in constructing and maintaining the current order. It should also assist students and other groups working for change, within a critical framework, with the aim of empowering and giving a voice to individuals and communities marginalised on the basis of the criteria

mentioned in section 2.2.

The *Daily's* methods should be both educative and active, as determined democratically by its staff.

2.4 Finally, we recognise that the *Daily* must remain accessible to the student community it comes from, and should abide by an ethic of fairness (as defined in the *Daily's* Code of Ethics) while maintaining its autonomy.

brief

We will resist

WOMEN'S GROUPS DEMAND HARRIS RETREAT

If there is one positive thing that Ontario Premier Mike Harris' billion-dollar cuts are producing, it is solidarity in opposition to him.

Since the new Conservative government was elected in the summer, it has unleashed massive cuts to public housing, welfare, women's shelters, daycare, and hospitals, to name a few areas. While many socially disadvantaged groups are being hit hard by these cuts, they are particularly harmful to women living in Ontario.

In response, Ontario women's groups are voicing their condemnation of Harris' unabating attack on social spending.

In early December, one group of Ontario women held a press

conference to send a clear message to the Harris government: "We will resist all forms of subordination."

The Ontario Women's Declaration was developed by two local francophone coalitions of women's groups, the Action ontarienne contre la violence faite aux femmes and the Table féministe de concertation provinciale de l'Ontario. The groups are hoping to have the Declaration endorsed by over 1 000 groups by International Women's Day on March 8, 1995.

The Declaration, dated Dec. 6, begins "We, the women of Ontario, have assembled together to declare our opposition to the policies of the Conservative government and to demand a

radical change in the way it governs this province."

The Declaration goes on to list much of the government's planned \$8 billion dollar spending cuts and state, "We believe that the policies being implemented by the government violate the fundamental rights of women that are guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and international human rights law," such as the rights to an adequate standard of living.

The Declaration goes on to demand that the Harris government re-examine its policies and order a moratorium on further cutbacks which may increase the inequality of women. It also demands the government

state by March 8 what steps it plans to take to promote and protect the rights of Ontario women through a commitment to child-care, access to affordable housing and health and social services adapted to the particular needs of minority communities.

"We the women of Ontario consider that this is a state of emergency. We formally notify the government of Ontario that if it continues to attack the rights of women, we will take all steps necessary to secure and defend our legitimate rights. Women's groups will not bow down to threats and attacks by the government," the Declaration concludes.

-by Idella Sturino

THE MCGILL DAILY

ARTS SOCIETY SPEAKS OUT

Committee produces document

by Jacqueline Reis and
Laura Gold

An Arts Undergraduate Society open forum on the future of McGill has led to the creation of yet another response to Principal Bernard Shapiro's ideas for restructuring McGill. The AUS document, titled "Envisioning the Future," attempts to incorporate student concerns into a restructuring that has largely ignored them.

Shapiro's plans for a new McGill, including options such as raising tuition fees, cutting undergraduate enrollment and downsizing the University as a whole, have already raised eyebrows in the Students' Society, Post-Graduate Students' Society and Presidents' Council, among other groups.

"Envisioning the Future" was drawn up by the nine-member Arts Vision Committee after the open forum. The Committee was responsible for formulating many of

the ideas presented to the forum in AUS President Rich Latour's speech.

The Committee does not take a strong stand against tuition hikes, recommending the administration "not enact or facilitate the enactment of a dramatic and severe tuition fees increase."

When asked about the paper's conciliatory stance on small fee hikes, Latour stated that "tuition wasn't discussed that much at the forum," and asserted "certainly there was nothing in opposition" to the idea of a small fee hike in the responses he had received.

Students who attended the open forum were asked to fill out questionnaires about their priorities for improving McGill and what sort of changes are acceptable to them.

"Out of about 150 questionnaires, I think I saw less than five of people who said don't raise tuition at all," said Latour.

In contrast, Anthropology Professor Bruce Trigger, a recently elected staff representative to the Board of Governors, attended the open forum and won applause for his remarks on keeping tuition low.

Trigger said that anything higher than a five to ten per cent increase in tuition would violate the University's moral contract with current students to keep graduation financially attainable.

"In general, my feeling is that it's in society's interest to keep education publicly-funded and therefore fees as low as possible," he added.

"On a competitive basis, education should be available on as close to a no fee structure as possible," Trigger concluded.

Lisa Grushcow, Students' Society vp university affairs, said the Vision Committee's agreement with a small tuition increase appears to be in accordance with student opinion.

"I think that they [the Vision Committee] are reflecting a widespread view," she noted. But Grushcow went on to say "There are some legitimate concerns that that's a slippery-slope argument," in reference to the argument that small increases now could pave the way for larger increases later.

"I don't think that there's anything in this document that's going to put our tuition through the roof," she concluded.

The Vision Committee also recommends the administration cut non-scholastic, "non-essential services" though it does not specify what those might be. Latour later explained that parts of the document were intentionally vague.

"I can't give you a list exactly

that we're talking about... For many of the points that we made, we tried to make them vague," he said, adding that for issues on which they had details, they were more specific. "But for things like budget and for things like activities in the administration ranks, we don't exactly know what's going on," he admitted.

He concluded by saying that the suggestion was more to put a "bird in their ear" than to give administrators specific recommendations.

Grushcow hoped that essential services will not be defined by the frequency of their use, citing financial aid services and services for students with disabilities as equally essential.

Grushcow herself is the sole student representative on a task force appointed by Shapiro to look at his own document on restructuring, "Towards a New McGill." She said she felt good about the task force as a whole and expected it to present its recommendations to the principal by the end of this month.

If "Envisioning McGill" took its cues from the open forum, it may not address the concerns of all Arts students.

During the open forum, one student asked how the fee increase will affect international students.



Lisa Grushcow, vp university affairs

Latour responded by saying that students already enrolled at McGill are "not the target."

He did not explain how higher tuition fees may affect students in the near future, or if they may result in a lower proportion of international admissions.

Latour sent copies of the document to members of the principal's task force on restructuring McGill, the principal, and student and faculty senators. Shapiro has already gotten back to Latour, who said the principal was "quite positive about it, in fact."

According to Dean of Arts Carman Miller's presentation to the open forum, cuts to the Faculty of Arts' base budget for the coming year will be even greater than expected. It is now probable that the Faculty will see its funds drop by \$1.4 million rather than the \$900,000 once anticipated.

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brief

YEARLY SALARIES IN REVIEW

Good help costs so much these days

University-wide downsizing has yet to touch the salaries of past and present senior administrators at McGill.

McGill and other Québec universities made public the salaries of its top administrators late last year as per a new regulation, Bill 95, passed in the provincial legislature in June.

Former McGill Principal David Johnston had the highest base sal-

ary on McGill's list with \$191,125 a year. Current Principal Bernard Shapiro was a close second with \$190,000 a year.

Johnston and Shapiro had higher salaries than their counterparts at other Québec universities, according to a list published last month in *The Montreal Gazette*. McGill took four of the 10 highest university administration salaries across the province.

Other well-paid McGill figures include Former VP (Administration and Finance) John Armour with a base annual salary of \$171,755, Dean of Medicine Richard Cruess at \$165,529, and V-P (Advancement) Michael Kiefer with \$143,575.

This is the first time such figures have been made widely accessible.

— by Jacqueline Reis

The McGill Daily

Struggle for THE ORIGINS OF RE OCCUPIED AN INTERVIEW

by Ahmer Qadeer

In 1947 British India was partitioned into India and Pakistan. Pakistan was to be a homeland for Muslims of the subcontinent. At the time, the state of Kashmir was over eighty per cent Muslim.

There has been much conflict over the control of Kashmir. This conflict extends to the period well before partition. Recently, fighting has escalated as India has tightened its grip in efforts to control Jammu and Kashmir.

In the past year, predominant news about Kashmir appearing in English newspapers in Canada has mentioned that a Swedish trekker was executed by "Islamic fundamentalists." There has been little mention that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are fighting

a war.

When the conflict is referred to, those fighting in Kashmir are referred to as "Pakistani-backed guerrillas," "terrorists" or "Islamic fundamentalists." There is no mention of what they are fighting for nor what they are fighting against. In addition, much of the reporting has been ahistorical and has mentioned only the number of people killed in battles with Indian Security Forces. As a result, the roots of the conflict are ignored.

Khalid Hasan is a Pakistani journalist and writer who has covered the situation in Kashmir extensively. The *Daily* recently had the opportunity to discuss the nature of the conflict with him.

Daily: I wanted to talk to you about the current situation in Kashmir and how it has developed.

Khalid Hasan: The current situation in Kashmir is very depressing...the bloodshed continues and there are an estimated 600 000 Indian security forces in Kashmir which is very sad because this is the highest concentration of troops in probably, history. The Kashmir valley where all the troops are concentrated is twenty-five miles across and eighty miles long. It's a very small piece of land.

The tragedy is that there is no advance on the situation, every day that passes it gets worse and worse. India and Pakistan are bogged down in their history. Nobody has considered the Kashmiris. But it is the Kashmiris who have suffered. So regardless of going into the question of who is right — India or Pakistan — it is the Kashmiris who have paid the price. For instance in all the negotiations over the years, formal negotiations, the Kashmiris have never been involved. No representative of the Kashmiris has ever been involved in these discussions from 1947 [at the time of the India Pakistan partition] on even until 1995.

The official Indian position has always been that they do not consider the people of Kashmir a party and that it is a bilateral dispute between India and Pakistan. And that the Kashmiris have already acceded to India. The fact is that the Kashmiris don't see themselves as ever having acceded to India.

Kashmir was a Muslim state ruled by a Hindu Maharajah, and the Hindu Maharajah without any reference to his people seceded to India.

Previous to this, well before partition in 1947, there had been armed gangs from East Punjab who were terrorising

Muslims of Jammu province and this was allowed by the ruler of Kashmir. So the ruler had no regard for his people and allowed his subjects to be massacred. When he acceded to India there was no validity because there was no reference to the people. The subsequent

elections in Kashmir that India has held have also all been rigged. Even the United Nations has not accepted

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them.

But we must look towards a solution. And the basic fact is that the killing must stop. Kashmir must be demilitarised. The troops must leave. Many Indians maintain that Kashmir is an integral part of India. Is this how you treat an integral part of India? There is no law in Kashmir, it is martial law, anybody can be shot, anybody can be dragged away, anybody can be raped and this is happening. Kashmiris have no rights, they are not represented in parliament, they have no voice. This is a horrendous situation and something has to be done about it. The problem is that everyday it is worse, getting worse.

How has international policy towards Kashmir changed since the changing of relations between the United States and India, particularly with reference to Pakistan having outlived its usefulness to the U.S. after the end of the Afghan war?

I'll tell you. Kashmir basically is a victim of the Cold War. Every motion that came forward [in

the United Nations] with regards to Kashmir was repeatedly sabotaged by the Soviet Union or rather the former Soviet Union, because Pakistan was an ally of the United States and India an ally of the Soviet Union.

There was a very good chance of the Kashmir settlement being arrived at in a civilised manner in the late '50s and early '60s. Every time such an opportunity arose it was vetoed by the Soviet Union. The Americans, in the United Nations they supported the resolutions, but outside [the United Nations] they have given no support.

Their relationship with India was not very good, but after 1962, after the India-China dispute took place, the Americans would say to Pakistan: You should not create anymore difficulties for the Indians. And after [the India-China conflict of 1962] a lot of American aid began pouring into India.

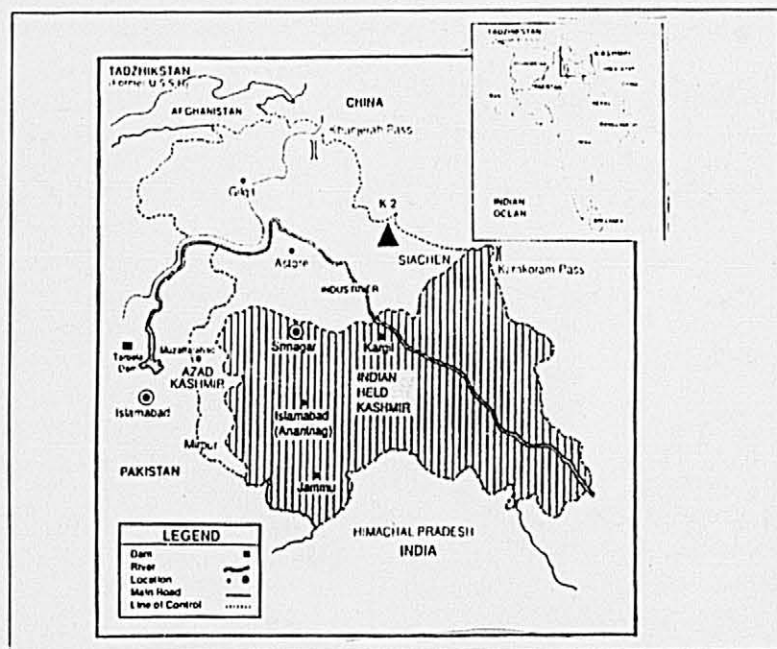
I must say that I do not think it is really in the Indian national interest to have this [the conflict in Kashmir] going on. It saps a lot of energy. It costs them a lot of money. They have lost face, they have lost prestige. And all of their Ghandian posturing has no credibility anymore.

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But strategically and economically, aren't Jammu and Kashmir important to India?

Not really. If anything, it [Kashmir] is important to Pakistan. All of the rivers drain into Pakistan, it is a natural frontier to Pakistan, all of the cultural ties are to Pakistan.

I say go ahead let Kashmir be a bridge of friendship between India and Pakistan. Let it be a neutral territory and a go-



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between for the two countries. I think one has to look at solutions and possibilities of settling this. But you cannot today make a settlement of the issue without involving the Kashmiri people. Even if the settlement between India and Pakistan is concluded today and the Kashmiris say we don't want it, then it has no chance.

There is a lot of talk, especially in the Indian press, about the rise of "Islamic fundamentalism" and the "threat" it poses in Kashmir. I wonder if you could elaborate on that a little?

It's very simple, one thing you must understand, the Kashmiri state — before it was partitioned — was sold by the British to a Hindu chieftan. The majority of the population was Muslim. The rule of Hari Singh [the last ruler before partition] was very repressive. There were laws that specifically targeted the Muslim population and they had no rights compared to the Hindu subjects of the Maharaja.

The first revolt against the ruler of Kashmir... was a Muslim revolt. So it has always been a Muslim-led revolt. The Kashmiri Hindus have never identified themselves with any movement against the Maharajah, because their interests were safe-guarded and they made up the bureaucracy in the government of the Maharajah.

It was only the Kashmiri Muslims and Muslims of Jammu

province who were rising. And there was no Pakistan at this time.

The Muslims rose up and it was they who liberated areas of Kashmir. And when partition

this linkage is very strong and continues today.

One thing that has come up, with regards to Kashmir, is the plight of Hindu Kashmiri Pandits. They claim that they have been chased out of the valley. There have been demonstrations about this in London, in India by the BJP and even here in Montréal, where a few years back, outside the Pakistani consulate, there was demonstration in support of the Kashmiri Pandits.

Yes, I know. In 1947 the Muslims of Jammu were decimated... as a community they have almost disappeared entirely. In the valley there were no communal riots because the

Kashmiris are a generous people. But the Pandits never allied themselves with the Muslims. Even though they were Kashmiri speaking, they never identified themselves with the population as a whole. When India took Kashmir, the Pandits identified themselves with India. After the uprising began in 1990...

What happened in 1990?

There was a peaceful procession to bring a declaration to the United Nations and it had in it many thousands of people. And what can be more peaceful and democratic than that? It was fired on and many people died.

The Kashmiri Pandits never

sympathised with that. Nevertheless, it was not the Kashmiris who threw them out. It was the BJP, the Governor of Jammu... who all collaborated and

out of Kashmir. What happens after Kashmir is demilitarised is another matter. But they all want the Indian army out of Kashmir and that is what we must work for

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made arrangements for the Pandits to leave, so that it could be projected as a fundamentalist uprising, as a Hindu-Muslim thing; it was not a Hindu-Muslim thing. And today there is no bitterness towards the Pandits. I was in Casablanca, at the Islamic summit, and this young man from Kashmir was asked "why do you not let the Pandits come back to Kashmir?" And he said, "We never threw them out of Kashmir, and let those who threw them out bring them back. But if they do come back they will have to identify themselves with the Kashmiri movement."

Nonetheless, it is Kashmiris, Hindu or Muslim who are the victims of this struggle because they are both in refugee camps, and all the more reason that this tragedy should be ended so that they can all go back. The Pandits are the victims not of the Kashmiri freedom movement, not of Pakistani policy but of Indian policy makers.

Who specifically are you speaking about when you talk about the Kashmiri movement?

There are many factions, many groups. They may have different philosophies and ideas, but on one issue they agree: They want India

now. After India leaves, any number of new factions will emerge and any number of things could happen, but India must leave first.

It is like this: Doctors when they have a patient will not operate if the patient has a fever, because you have to cool the patient out before you operate.

We all want freedom, and the word we use is *Azaadi*, and *Azaadi* doesn't mean independence it means *Azaadi* from oppression and from what they have now.

The other issue that comes up is that India claims that it cannot control the army...

Yes, it has gone berserk. The soldiers are told that these are Pakistani terrorists [who are behind the uprising in Kashmir], and that they should have no mercy for them and the army has given the individual soldiers a free hand and a free reign. But the soldiers... don't see any Pakistanis, they see only Kashmiris. And the people they end up killing are Kashmiris, the women who are raped are Kashmiris. The monster of Pakistani terrorism they keep conjuring it up but that is not what is behind the movement for freedom.



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INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM

SPORT	CATEGORY	COST DST & PST Included	REGISTRATION	NUMBER OF PLAYERS		CAPTAINS' MEETING	PLAY BEGINS	GAME DAYS AND TIMES	LOCATION
				TO REGISTER	MAXIMUM				
BASKETBALL LEAGUE	MEN A, B WOMEN	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 11, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	10	16	Jan. 9, 18:30 hrs. Field House (C & D)	Jan. 14	Mon. 18:45-23:00 Tue. 18:30-23:00 Sun. 11:00-18:00	Field House
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	MEN WOMEN	\$20.00 per team	Feb. 14, 09:00 to Feb. 28, 17:00	3	3	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Feb. 29, 17:00 hrs.	Mar. 1	Mar. 1, 2, 3	Field House
BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE	MEN A, B WOMEN	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 11, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	10	16	Jan. 9, 18:30 hrs. Field House (C & D)	Jan. 12	Wed. 19:15-23:00 Thurs. 19:15-23:00 Fri. 19:15-23:00 Sat. 09:00-18:00 Sun. 09:00-18:00	Currie Gym
BROOMBALL LEAGUE	MEN WOMEN CO-REC	\$100.00 per team	Dec. 11, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Men - 10 Women - 10 Co-rec - 5 Men & 5 Women	16	Jan. 9, 18:30 hrs. Field House (C & D)	Jan. 13	Tue. to Fri. 17:00-22:00 Sat. 09:00-18:00 Sun. 09:00-18:00	Molson Stadium Rink
INNERTUBE WATERPOLO LEAGUE	CO-REC	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 11, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	7 Men & 5 Women	18	Jan. 9, 18:30 hrs. Field House (C & D)	Jan. 14	Sat. 12:00-16:00 Sun. 12:00-16:00	Currie Pool
INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE	MEN WOMEN CO-REC	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 11, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Men - 10 Women - 10 Co-rec - 5 Men & 5 Women	16	Jan. 9, 18:30 hrs. (M & W) Jan. 9, 19:30 hrs. (Co-Rec) Field House (C & D)	Jan. 14	Mon. 18:45-23:00 Tues. 18:30-23:00 Wed. 18:45-23:00 Thur. 18:30-23:00 Sat. 11:00-18:00 Sun. 11:00-18:00	Field House
SQUASH TOURNAMENT	MEN A, B WOMEN	\$7.00 per player	Feb. 28, 09:00 to Mar. 6, 17:00	1	N/A	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Mar. 7, 17:00 hrs.	Mar. 8	Mar. 8, 9 & 10	Currie Gym Squash Courts
TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT	MEN WOMEN	\$7.00 per player	Jan. 31, 09:00 to Feb. 7, 17:00	1	N/A	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Feb. 8, 17:00 hrs.	Feb. 10	Feb. 10 & 11	Fitness Room
TENNIS TOURNAMENT (INDOOR)	DOUBLES	\$10 per team	Mar. 20, 09:00 to Mar. 27, 17:00	2 men or 2 women	2	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Mar. 28, 17:00 hrs.	Mar. 29	Mar. 29, 20 & 31	Field House
VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE	MEN WOMEN	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 11, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	10	16	Jan. 9, 18:30 hrs. Field House (C & C)	Jan. 15	Mon. 19:15-23:00 Tue. 19:15-23:00 Wed. 19:15-23:00	Currie Gym
VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE	CO-REC A,B	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 11, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	5 Men & 5 Women	16	Jan. 9, 19:30 hrs. Field House (C & D)	Jan. 17	Wed. 18:45-23:00 Thur. 18:30-23:00 Fri. 18:45-23:00	Field House
4 ON 4 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT	CO-REC	\$20.00 per team	Mar. 6, 09:00 to Mar. 13, 17:00	2 Men & 2 Women	5	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Mar. 14, 17:00 hrs.	Mar. 15	March 15, 16, & 17	Field House

- In many sports space is limited—registration is on a first come first served basis.
- Please note that registration deadlines are strictly enforced.

Registration:

Campus Recreation Office G35
Currie Gym, 475 Pine Avenue West

SPORTS OFFICIALS

Students interested in sports officiating should apply to the Campus Recreation Office and attend the Officials' Training Clinic. Experience is an asset but not a necessity.

OFFICIALS' TRAINING CLINICS

SPORTS: Ball Hockey, Basketball, Broomball, Indoor Soccer, Innertube Waterpolo, Volleyball

DATE: January 11, 1996

TIME: 17:30 hrs

LOCATION: Room 305, Currie Gymnasium

CAPTAINS' MEETING

A representative from each team must attend the Captains' meeting for that sport. League schedules are planned and rules are distributed. A team that is not represented will not be included in the league. Note carefully, that an individual can only represent one team. Please consult the Intramural schedule for the Date, time and location of the specific meeting for your team.

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INSTRUCTIONAL ATHLETICS PROGRAM

COORDINATORS: Philip Quintal & Maria Gold

The Instructional Athletics Program at McGill University features a wide variety of non-credit physical education and recreational courses. The program provides an opportunity to use the athletic facilities and to acquire or improve athletic skills. Members of the Department of Athletics staff, as well as qualified part-time instructors, teach in the program.

Courses are open to all full-time McGill students holding a validated student ID card. Full-time McGill Students are entitled to register for courses at the member's fee. The General Public, Staff, Faculty and Graduates holding a gymnasium membership card may also register for courses.

- ALL COURSES ARE CO-ED
- YOU MUST REGISTER IN PERSON WITH A FULL-TIME MCGILL STUDENT ID OR MEMBERSHIP CARD
- REGISTRATION IS CONDUCTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS
- CASH CHEQUES, MASTERCARD, VISA AND DIRECT PAYMENT ACCEPTED.

Non-members may participate in the instructional program without purchasing a membership, **if space permits**. For this group:

- A differential fee will be charged.
- Registration for this group will begin Thursday, January 11, 1996.

COURSE	DAY	TIME	COST (M/NM)	# WEEKS	FACILITY
AQUATICS					
YELLOW, ORANGE	THURSDAY	17:30-18:25	28/48	8	WESTON POOL
	SATURDAY	09:30-10:25	28/48	8	WESTON POOL
RED, MAROON	TUESDAY	19:30-20:25	28/48	8	CURRIE POOL
	THURSDAY	17:30-18:25	28/48	8	WESTON POOL
	SATURDAY	10:30-11:25	28/48	8	WESTON POOL
BLUE, GREEN, GREY, WHITE	WEDNESDAY	19:30-20:40	30/50	8	CURRIE POOL
	THURSDAY	18:30-19:40	30/50	8	WESTON POOL
	SATURDAY	11:30-12:40	30/50	8	WESTON POOL
	SUNDAY	11:00-11:45	28/48	8	CURRIE POOL
PRE-SCHOOL (AGES 18 MONTHS - 5 YEARS)	By Appointment		32/36	1	CURRIE POOL
SWIM (Private)	TUES&THURS	12:15-12:55	40/80	10	CURRIE POOL
AQUACISES	TUES&THURS	12:15-13:10	40/80	8	WESTON POOL
SWIM FIT (Cardio Respiratory Endurance)	TUES&THURS	18:30-19:25	40/80	8	CURRIE POOL
STROKE IMPROVEMENT	MONDAY	18:30-19:25	25/45	8	CURRIE POOL
	TUESDAY	17:30-18:25	25/45	8	WESTON POOL
DIVING (1 M Elementary)	THURSDAY	19:30-20:25	30/50	8	CURRIE POOL
LIFESAVING 1,2,3 (Introduction to Program)	SATURDAY	11:30-12:40	30/50	8	WESTON POOL
LEADERS	TUES & THURS CLASS	18:30-19:30	75/115 Plus Exam Fee	8	WESTON POOL
	POOL	19:30-21:00			
BRONZE CROSS (Private Bronze Medalist)	WEDNESDAY CLASS	18:30-19:30	65/90 Plus Exam Fee	10	WESTON POOL
	POOL	19:30-21:00			
S.C.U.B.A.	TUES & THURS CLASS	18:45-20:15	240/270	6	CURRIE POOL
	POOL	20:30-22:30	408/409		
(Good Swimmer Screen Test Required MUST ATTEND FIRST CLASS)					
DANCE					
FLAMENCO	TUES&THURS	20:15-21:10	43/88	8	AUXILIARY GYM
JAZZ I	TUES&THURS	08:30-09:55	43/88	10	DANCE STUDIO
	TUES&THURS	18:30-19:55	43/88	10	FITNESS ROOM
JAZZ II	TUES&THURS	20:00-21:25	43/88	10	FITNESS ROOM
JAZZ III	MON&WED/FRI	18:00-19:25	67/112	10	DANCE STUDIO
SOCIAL DANCE I	MONDAY	20:30-21:55	33/53	8	AUXILIARY GYM
	WEDNESDAY	19:00-20:25	33/53	8	AUXILIARY GYM
	WEDNESDAY	20:30-21:55	33/53	8	AUXILIARY GYM
SOCIAL DANCE II	MONDAY	19:00-20:25	33/53	8	AUXILIARY GYM
FITNESS					
ACTION AEROBICS (High/Low)	MON&WED	16:30-17:25	33/78	10	AUXILIARY GYM
	TUES&THURS	12:00-12:55	33/78	10	FITNESS ROOM
	TUES&THURS	16:00-16:55	33/78	10	AUXILIARY GYM
ACTION AEROBICS (SUPERFIT)	MON & WED	17:30-18:55	67/112	10	AUXILIARY GYM
	FRI	17:00-18:25	67/112	10	AUXILIARY GYM
BODY DESIGN	MON & WED	13:15-13:55	32/77	10	FITNESS ROOM
	SATURDAY	11:00-11:55	21/46	10	FITNESS ROOM
CARDIO FUNK	TUES&THURS	18:15-19:10	33/78	10	AUXILIARY GYM
CARDIO FUNK ADVANCED	TUES&THURS	19:15-20:10	33/78	10	AUXILIARY GYM
LOW IMPACT ADVANCED	TUES&THURS	17:00-18:10	52/97	10	AUXILIARY GYM
INTRO STEP	MON	12:00-12:55	33/53	10	DANCE STUDIO
	MON&WED	16:00-16:55	46/91	10	DANCE STUDIO
STEP					
	MON&WED	08:00-08:55	46/91	10	FITNESS ROOM
	TUES&THURS	16:00-16:55	46/91	10	DANCE STUDIO
	TUES&THURS	18:15-19:10	46/91	10	DANCE STUDIO
STEP & PUMP	TUES&THURS	08:00-08:55	46/91	10	FITNESS ROOM
	TUES&THURS	12:00-13:10	52/97	10	DANCE STUDIO
	TUES&THURS	17:00-18:10	52/97	10	DANCE STUDIO
SUPER STEP & PUMP	MON&WED/FRI	17:00-18:10	62/107	10	FITNESS ROOM
	SATURDAY	10:00-11:25	33/58	10	DANCE STUDIO
TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING	MON&WED/FRI	12:15-13:10	67/112	10	FITNESS ROOM
	TUES&THURS	16:00-17:10	52/97	10	FITNESS ROOM
WEIGHT TRAINING	MONDAY	20:00-21:30	27/40	5	233WEIGHT ROOM
	TUESDAY	08:30-10:00	27/40	5	233WEIGHT ROOM
	WEDNESDAY	20:00-21:30	27/40	5	233WEIGHT ROOM
	SATURDAY	09:00-10:30	27/40	5	233WEIGHT ROOM
WEIGHT TRAINING CLINIC	SAT & SUN	11:00-13:00	17/22	2	233WEIGHT ROOM
WEIGHT TRAINING (Private)	By Appointment		27/40	1	
PERSONAL FITNESS APPRAISAL	By Appointment		36/45/60	1	LAB
MARTIAL ARTS					
AIKIDO	TUESDAY & FRIDAY	18:00-19:55	60/105	10	TURNER BONE
CAPOEIRA/SAVATE/LUTTE PARISIENNE	MON&WED/FRI	15:30-16:55	67/112	10	FITNESS ROOM
JUDO	MON&WED	17:30-19:25	60/105	10	TURNER BONE
SHORINJIJU I	MON&WED	18:15-19:40	46/91	10	FITNESS ROOM
SHORINJIJU II	MON&WED	19:45-21:10	46/91	10	FITNESS ROOM
TKD/MUAY THAI/SHOOTO	MON&WED/FRI	14:00-15:25	67/112	10	FITNESS ROOM
WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE	TUES&THURS	16:00-17:25	70/115	10	TURNER BONE
	SATURDAY	10:00-11:25	35/80	10	TURNER BONE
VARIA					
BASIC FIRST AID (includes CPR Heart Saver)	SAT JAN 20 & SUN JAN 21	09:30-17:30	87/92	2	305/306
CPR BASIC	SAT JAN 27 & SUN JAN 28	09:30-17:30	80/87	2	305/306
CPR RE-CERT	SAT JAN 27	09:30-17:30	38/48	1	408
FENCING I	MON&WED	08:00-08:55	40/80	8	DANCE STUDIO
	TUES&THURS	19:15-20:10	40/80	8	DANCE STUDIO
FENCING II	TUES&THURS	20:15-21:10	40/80	8	DANCE STUDIO
GOLF	MONDAY	16:00-17:00	28/43	6	GOLF ROOM
	THURSDAY	16:00-17:00	28/43	6	GOLF ROOM
	SATURDAY	10:00-11:00	28/43	6	GOLF ROOM
HOCKEY I	WEDNESDAY	15:15-16:45	32/52	8	WINTER STADIUM
HOCKEY II	FRIDAY	14:00-15:30	36/56	8	WINTER STADIUM
SKATING	WEDNESDAY	14:00-15:15	27/42	6	WINTER STADIUM
	SATURDAY	10:45-12:05	36/56	6	WINTER STADIUM
SKATING (Private)	by appointment		17/19	1	WINTER STADIUM
TAI CHI I	MON&WED	16:00-16:55	46/86	8	MEMORIAL HALL
HATHA YOGA I	MON&WED	08:00-08:55	32/72	8	MEMORIAL HALL
	MON&WED	18:15-19:25	42/82	8	MEMORIAL HALL
	TUES&THURS	08:00-08:55	32/72	8	MEMORIAL HALL
	TUES&THURS	16:00-17:10	42/82	8	MEMORIAL HALL
	TUES&THURS	17:15-18:25	42/82	8	MEMORIAL HALL
HATHA YOGA II	MON&WED	17:00-18:10	42/82	8	MEMORIAL HALL
	TUES&THURS	18:30-19:40	42/82	8	MEMORIAL HALL
IYENGAR YOGA	THURSDAY - 17:30-19:00		32/57	10	TURNER BONE

PAY-AS-YOU-GO FITNESS					
COURSE	DAY	TIME	COST (M/NM)	# WEEKS	FACILITY
Total Workout	Tues/Thurs	17:30-18:25	\$2.50/\$1.70*	16	Fitness room
	Friday	16:00-16:55			Dance Room
	Sat & Sun	12:00-12:55			Fitness Room
Step	Mon/Wed/Fri	17:00-17:55			Dance Studio
	Sat & Sun	13:00-13:55			Dance Studio
Resumes Jan 3, 1996					
*Booklets of 10 tickets for \$17.00 purchased in advance (Members Only)					

COURSE	DAY	TIME	COST (M/NM)	# WEEKS	FACILITY
RACQUETS					
SQUASH INTRO	MONDAY	08:30-09:15	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	MONDAY	09:15-10:00	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	MONDAY	16:00-16:45	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	TUESDAY	16:45-17:30	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	TUESDAY	17:30-18:15	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	WEDNESDAY	09:15-10:00	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	WEDNESDAY	12:15-13:00	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	WEDNESDAY	13:00-13:45	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	THURSDAY	16:00-16:45	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	THURSDAY	16:45-17:30	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	FRIDAY	08:30-09:15	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	FRIDAY	09:15-10:00	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	FRIDAY	14:30-15:15	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
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	FRIDAY	16:00-16:45	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	SATURDAY	10:45-11:30	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	SATURDAY	12:15-13:00	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	SUNDAY	11:30-12:15	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
	SUNDAY	13:00-13:45	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
SQUASH INTER	MONDAY	16:45-17:30	22/37	6	SQUASH COURTS
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Student reps resist activism

Campus boycott lists hard to come by

by Mera Thompson



In Burma, masses of people have been sacrificed by a ruthless military oligarchy known for its ready repression of political dissidents. The French government refuses to arrest its nuclear testing in the seas of the South Pacific. In China, hundreds of students were murdered in Tiananmen Square, while allegations of ongoing human rights abuses still persist.

We often feel helpless in the face of such enormous injustices, asking what we can do on an individual level. One answer is, we can boycott.

For students at McGill and across Canada, however, that can be harder than it sounds.

The Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) has taken a decided stance to not create a council-initiated boycott list. This decision was made when McGill signed a seven year contract with Pepsi last summer. PepsiCo. has been one of the

largest multinational corporations to invest in Burma since the State Law and Restoration Council (SLORC) government took control in 1988.

According to Helena Myers, president of SSMU, the contract was signed in the best interest of students based on "financial issues." She continued to say that the issue of creating a boycott list had not been brought up at council.

Myers maintains that SSMU was well aware of the issues surrounding the contract deal with Pepsi, but states that the other options were not much better. "Look at Coke's involvement in China," she said.

She believes that students have the right to take it upon themselves not to purchase the PepsiCo. products sold on campus if they object to any of the corporation's practices. "SSMU should not have a boycott list... It [boycotting] shouldn't be an organisational decision on the part of SSMU," Myers concluded.

Kelly Remai, vp finance for SSMU, seemed less firm in his convictions. He stated it would be possible for SSMU to adopt a boycott list, but he wasn't sure if it was appropriate. He believed that it would be important to have a list if "SSMU were convinced that some corporations were not worthy of their support."

He had no hesitations in continuing to support Pepsi, believing that "Pepsi isn't there [in Burma] to support the government. They're there to help the people by supplying them

with beverages." He didn't think that a future boycott of corporations investing in Burma would be possible on the part of the Students' Society.

Mike Toye, a member of Public Research of Business Ethics (PROBE) believes that SSMU needs to make a clear decision regarding what companies it wants to support. "These people have been elected to leadership roles," he said. "By acting as passive instruments they abdicate their responsibilities of leadership."

While conceding that boycotting every "politically incorrect" corporation would be extremely difficult, Toye expressed disappointment with SSMU's lack of forward thinking. "Any thought that goes into a decision is a step forward," he said.

SSMU NOT ALONE

Unfortunately, it seems that few other Canadian university campuses are any more eager to take a stand on the boycott issue.

David Borins, co-ordinator of external relations for the University of British Columbia's student government was clear in his reasons why his university had not drawn up a list. "We haven't thought of anything good to boycott," he stated.

Although agreeing that UBC should have a boycott list, Borins argued that the lists are not usually very effective. Borins, who recently oversaw the signing of an extensive deal with Coca-Cola, said that he would not have taken an exclusivity offer with Pepsi in part because of "poor reputation and past track record." Yet, Coca Cola was

recently denounced for its investment in China.

In Ottawa, at Carleton University's Student Association, Director of External Affairs Peter Nogalo didn't think that students would support any boycott action. He stated that the student government was reluctant to take action because it was concerned about "a backlash against the students' society taking on things that weren't relative to students at Carleton."

Nogalo believed that the university climate was not sympathetic to such actions, with student activism on campus becoming much more internally focused.

Like other student body representatives, Nogalo added that he thought the situation in countries like Burma is ignored on campus because of a lack of mainstream media attention. "I think it's sad that our international partners are being left at the wayside."

But not all student representatives agree. David Cox, student body president at Dalhousie University felt that a boycott list would be "inappropriate" at the present time. "It should be up to the individual students to decide and make their own choice [who to boycott]."

Dalhousie university did at one point have a guiding statement of principles, but when it joined the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), student council "moved to strike all policy statements from their constitution" out of fear of ideological conflicts with CASA.

"WE'RE NOT CFS..."

Pat Fitzpatrick, acting national director of CASA, denied that his organisation interfered with the mandates of their universities. "CASA constitutional policy does not dictate what member schools can and cannot have as their policy."

While Fitzpatrick claims to allow campuses to make their own decisions, CASA, of which SSMU is a member, will not be organising a boycott list of its own. "It's not really the tenor of our organisation to develop a list."

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), with which McGill's Post-Graduate Students' Society is affiliated, is one of the few student organisations to have drawn up a boycott list. In their policy manual, they mandate boycotts of PepsiCo and Coca-Cola for their involvement in countries with a track record of human rights violations. The list also includes Famous Players movie theatres for their involvement in the production of the musical Miss Saigon, which some critics labeled racist.

While encouraging member campuses and students to boycott at least on a personal level, one CFS official admitted that they had no way in which to enforce the policy. It is seen as more of a symbolic gesture than an active mandate for change.

As for CASA, Fitzpatrick was clear in his organisation's intentions. "Let's be blunt — we're not CFS. We're not likely to start talking about Pepsi in Burma.... We tend to deal with issues in a narrower focus than do other groups."



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Towards a Democratic Sudan

SUDANESE WOMEN'S STRUGGLE A NATIONAL EFFORT

by Arafat Valiani

Fatima Ahmed Ibrahim and Anisia Achieng Olworo, two activists from the Sudan, led a discussion last month organised by the Canadian Inter-Church Coalition on Africa, on the current situation in the Sudan.

Ibrahim, one of the founders of the 1951 Sudanese Women's Union, was also a founding editor of the now-banned magazine, *Sudanese Women's Voice*. In the 1960s, she became the first female parliamentarian of the Sudan. On behalf of the Sudan's Workers' Union, Ibrahim received the United Nations award for Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Human Rights in 1993.

Olworo is a co-ordinator of the Sudan Women's Voice for Peace, a key organisation working with women towards building lasting peace in south Sudan, which is currently undergoing a war.

Ibrahim explained that the Sudan was a British colony from 1898 to 1956. In the '50s and '60s, a "CIA-sponsored military regime ruled the Sudan and banned unions and political parties and accepted different forms of foreign aid," she said.

In October of 1964, a revolution overthrew the military regime, after which Ibrahim and the Sudanese Women's Union "worked toward women's rights

and pushed women to come out in different political fields," explained Ibrahim.

In 1969, Colonel Jaafar Nimeiri was installed as president by a left-wing military coup. In 1971, Nimeiri offered Ibrahim the position as head of a government ministry because of her prominent position at the Women's Union. Ibrahim's husband, Shaf'i Ahmed El-Shika, leader of the Sudan's Workers' Union, was also offered a ministerial position. They both refused.

The Ibrahim's refusal resulted in her husband's execution and Ibrahim's imprisonment. Her case came to the attention of Amnesty International and, through their efforts and local pressure, she was released in 1973.

Since the 1989 coup which brought Hassan Al-Turabi's National Islamic Front (NIF) into power, Ibrahim has been working to expose the problems caused by this military regime.

The NIF has imposed a stricter form of Islamic Shari'at law, first initiated by Nimeiri, and reversed previously achieved women's rights. The NIF has also renewed the 30 year war with the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement and Army, who fight on behalf of people in the south.

In Ibrahim's view, "The Islamic

state cannot exist because the Koran explicitly states that there is a separation between state and religion."

For Ibrahim, the NIF's use of the Islamic State has meant that "rape, torture, employment dismissal, and drug distribution" have become common.

Ibrahim went on to comment on the elimination of the middle class, the selling of factories to foreign Islamic millionaires, rising inflation, and the suppression of women's right to education.

She noted that the NIF's adultery law, for example, attempts to control women by subjecting an 'offender' to "80 lashes, a 100 pound fine, one year in prison, and public shaming through the media." A woman need only be caught in public with a man who is not of her immediate family to be accused of adultery.

According to Ibrahim, the National Democratic Alliance, an umbrella opposition group of trade unions, women and police signed an agreement together against the NIF earlier this year.

This agreement, combined with "the destruction of the Sudanese economy, the severe political crisis, and general public anger [provide] four conditions necessary to topple the present regime," said Ibrahim.

Olworo also delivered a powerful analysis, speaking on the Southern Sudan.

She noted that the war taking place in the Ingessena Hills and the Nuba mountains was a process of "discrimination against Christians and Africans... which stems from British colonial neglect of the south.... Does our annihilation solve the problems of the Sudan?"

In a poignant statement, Olworo said, "What is happening in Bosnia, Rwanda and South Africa has been happening in the Sudan for 30 years... which has left 3 million dead."

"Food is prevented from entering due to Khartoum's refusal," she went on. In this manner, the regime starves the south.

Olworo suggested that, "We [Sudanese] need a non-violent mechanism to deal with the renewed slave labour, prostitution, [and] the general unsafe condition of women, children and those who are displaced." She suggested that this could take place "locally, regionally and internationally... to achieve real and permanent peace in the Sudan."

Olworo also explained that foreign interest in the Sudanese situation, especially American interest in the region, can be traced to the country's access to the Nile, gold

and diamond reserves and especially to its oil reserves.

"We need international solidarity to put pressure on governments through NGOs and the UN Security Council; we need Canadians to stop any Canadian business from entering Sudan and we need you [Canadians] to pressure your parliament to stop this regime," she said.

Ibrahim went on to warn that if the present regime left tomorrow, the country's funds would be safely deposited in Swiss and other European bank accounts. Referring to this anticipated flight, Ibrahim mentioned that Canadians could assist by "requesting the Canadian government deny foreign visas to members of the Islamic Front." The European Economic Community has also considered restricting visas.

In 1993, 90 countries condemned the government of Sudan for Human Rights violations during a meeting of the UN General Assembly. Another motion concerning the Sudan is currently under discussion in the General Assembly.

Ibrahim said that "women are the victims of the Islamic state," but as Ibrahim's and Olworo's discussion revealed, Sudanese women are also taking action.

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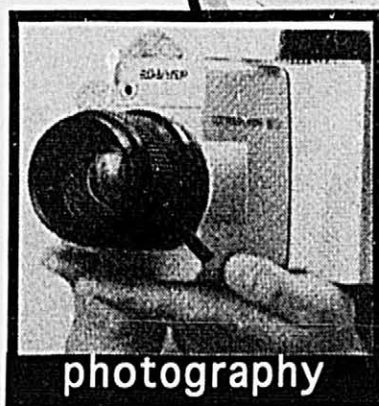
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